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For: INERT PUMP LEG ADAPTED FOR IMMERSION IN MOLTEN METAL

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RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents
And Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 3, 2000, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 6, line 16, change "is" to --- are ---.

Page 7, line 7, change "sleeve" to --- leg ---.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-12 and add the following new claims:

3. A support suited for positioning a pump or other similar device
disposed in a bath of molten metal, beneath an overhead support structure
disposed above the metal level of the bath, comprising:

a graphite leg having an upper end and a lower end, the leg
having a sufficient compressive strength to prevent an object from rising in

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